

To every branch of industry, and strength to every least interest.

At the second board the market was steady and moderately active. There was no material variation in any of the leading stocks. There appears to be buyers of Erie, seller's option, or any other way to suit the bears. There was a small lot of Galena, and Chicago sold at 136½ per cent, and it was in demand at the close. Stock scarce. There are quite a number of orders in the street for Milwaukee and Mississippi stock, and it is with the utmost difficulty one of them can be filled. Holders are not sellers, and the scarcity of stock prevents operations. The net sale was 81 per cent, buyer thirty days, and that price was offered for several hundred shares.

The Assistant Treasurer reports to-day as follows—

Said on Treasury account.....	\$36,519 00
Received do. do.....	12,229 00
Paid on Insurance.....	2,243 25
Said for Auditor's office.....	23 75
Said on Disbursing checks.....	60,894 37

After the adjournment of the board, the following sales of stocks were made at auction:—

20 shares Excelsior Fire Insurance Co.....	97½
25 " " Cooper Fire Insurance Co.....	97½

Albert B. Nicols, receiver, sent weekly auction sale of stocks and bonds will take place to-morrow, Tuesday, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange. We are informed that some first class bank and insurance stocks will be found on the list to be offered.

A resolution instructing the committee on banks of the Massachusetts House of Representatives to consider the expediency of reporting a bill to prohibit all the banks in the State from issuing notes of a less denomination than \$5, or from receiving notes of foreign banks of a less denomination than \$5, has been rejected.

The cash balance in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer, Boston, on the 12th inst., was as follows:—

Treasury account.....	\$2,767,094 34
" " City of Boston account.....	3,910 10
In deposit.....	124,513 72
Total.....	\$2,995,518 06

The receipts at the office of the Assistant Treasurer, Baltimore, during the year 1855, were as follows:—

From duties.....	\$837,587 40
" " other sources.....	125,356 72
Total.....	\$1,531,974 21
Balance 1st Jan., 1855.....	125,356 00
Total.....	\$1,657,328 27
Payments during the year.....	1,026,598 15
Balance 31st December, 1855.....	30,660 12

The Boston Journal of the 15th inst. says:—

A moderate business was done at the board this morning, the tone of the market being dull and depressed. Worcester declined ¼; Vermont and Canada, 1; sales of stock declined 75%; Irish and Texas strong; after the first board sales were slower, seller's option, 10 days, at 75½; Boston and Providence sold at 69½ each; a decline of ½ on last sales—this stock rose very rapidly, and there was still much inquiry for it; New York fell 1½; Montreal, Massachusetts, 8½ bid; Western, 80½ a 89½; Maine quiet at 82½, with small lots on the market at that quotation; Northern improved ¾; Oregonian heavy, and 2 lots were asked without obtaining buyers; Boston and Lowell for sale at 65; Manchester and Lawrence at 60.

**Stock Exchange.**  
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16, 1856.

AMERICAN U S 6's.....	116½	300 ads Erie R.R. ....	89 62½
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**CITY COMMERCIAL REPORT.**  
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16—6 P. M.

**ASHES—Unchanged, with small sales.**

**BREADSTUFFS.—Flour.**—The market was without change of moment in prices. The sales embraced about 6,000 a 7,000 bbls., including common and extra at \$7 87 1/2 to \$8. Western mixed, fancy and extra at \$7 81 to \$8 49. Extra Genesee was unchanged. Canadian was in fair request, with sales of 500 a 400 bbls. at \$8 a \$9 75 for extra. Southern was unchanged; the sales were 500 a 600 bbls. at \$9 25 for common to extra. Choice Baltimore City Mills, Ashmun street, and \$8 75 a \$10 25 for fancy and extra. Rye flour—About 100 bbls. were sold at \$5 50 a \$7 12 1/2. Corn meal—Sales of about 100 bbls. New Jersey were made at 44. Buckwheat was quiet; at \$2 37 a \$4 62 1/2. Wheat.—The market was quiet, and a considerable number of sales were made at \$1 04 to \$1 09, and \$1 90 bid. A small lot of unground southern brought \$1 60, and a small parcel good sold at \$1 99. Western ranged from \$1 80 a \$1 90, according to quality, and the last bale of Canadian white was made at \$2 05. Corn.—The market was firm, without any change in prices. The sales embraced 20,000 a 25,000 bushels, including old Western mixed, at \$10 a \$10 30, delivered, and a considerable quantity of white at \$9 85. Rye was inactive but steady at about a \$2, with small sales. Oats were heavy, and tended to lower prices; the sales were 100 a 200 bushels at \$1 00 to \$1 05. Cornmeal—Sales embraced 1,000 bags Rio common grade at 10 1/2c; 75 tons Java, at 14 1/2c, and 100 skins Rio at 10c a 10 1/2c.

**CORNS.**—The market was more active, and the sales embraced about 2,500 bushels, including a few hundred in transit. The market was steady, and middling uplands were at 10c a 10 1/2c.

**FLAXSEED.**—There was a fair amount offering for English ports, and rates were firm. To Liverpool about 1,000 bushels of corn were engaged in ship lots at 80; 100 a 200 bushels of white at \$4 85c. 10c. wheat at 8 1/2c; 2,000 bushels flour, at 9 1/2c; 1000 tierces beef at 4c a 5c. To London rates continued to advance. About 1,000 bushels of corn were engaged at 80, and about 1,000 packages port, beef and lard at 40c. per cwt., and 1,200 boxes bacon at \$1. To Antwerp, about 1,000 a 3,000 bushels flour were engaged at 4s. 6d. To Bremen about 1,000 bushels of corn were engaged at 40c. per cwt. To Havre rates were unchanged, while engagements were light. To California they ranged from 10c. to 17 1/2c. per 100 measurements.

**GRAIN.**—The sales of bulk rice were making at 12 1/2, and of layers at \$3 12 a \$3 25.

**HEMP.**—The market was quiet at \$180 per ton for American down, rotted, and \$250 a \$250 for American dressed.

**HIDES.**—The market was unchanged, while the stock was slightly augmented.

**LARD.**—The market continued firm. Receipts were limited and stock was in limited supply. Calf and sheep skins were unchanged.

**MOLASSES.**—The market embraced about 200 bbls. New Orleans, now at 48c a 48 1/2c.

**NAVY STORES.**—Sales of 1,000 bbls. spirits turpentine were made at 41c, and 1,200 bushels common rosin at \$1 10.

**OILS.**—The market was quiet at 80c a 90c. Crude whale was selling at 75c a 80c, and crude sperm at \$1 10 a \$1 15. Refined whale was at 88c; time, for winter oil, 90c. City oil was quiet at \$3 55c a \$4 05c for cents and quarts.

**PROVISIONS.**—Pork continued firm, but the advanced views of holders checked further advances. About 300 bbls. were sold at \$1 75 a \$1 75 1/2. The market for hams was no less active at \$17, while buyers were plenty at the inside figure. Prime was at \$14 25 to \$14 50 asked. Ribs and shoulders were quiet at \$10 1/2c a \$10 1/2c. Corned beef and prime mutton, at old prices. Prime mutton was quiet at \$18 a \$23. Beef hams were sold at \$13 a \$15 asked. Out turns were steady, with sales of 100 bbls. Horses and mules were in fair demand, and the market for horses was steady. Sales of long middies, 7 lb in, were making at 15 1/2c; and of 5 lb was at 14 1/2c. The market for 5 lb mutton to 200 bbls. at 11 1/2c a 11 1/2c. Butter and cheese were unchanged.

**RICE.**—Sales of 200 casks were made, part for export at 75c a 80c.

**SHUGARS.**—The market was firm, with limited transactions. 50 boxes were sold at 8 1/2c; about 1000 lbs. Porto Rico, low fair grades, at 7 1/2c a 9 1/2c; and 50 to New Orleans, at 8 1/2c.

**WHEAT.**—Sales of 100 a 200 bbls. prison were reported at 75c a 80c.